

**4VAC15-240-51. Game: Turkey: Youth and Apprentice Hunter Fall Turkey Hunting Weekend.**

**Summary:**

The proposal is to start the fall youth and apprentice weekend one week earlier.

**Proposed language of amendment:**

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In counties, cities, and areas with a fall turkey season, hunters 15 years of age and under and holders of an apprentice hunting license may hunt turkey on the ~~third~~ second Saturday in October and the following calendar day when in compliance with applicable license requirements and when accompanied and directly supervised by an adult who has a valid Virginia hunting license on his person or is exempt from purchasing a hunting license. Adult hunters accompanying youth hunters or apprentice license holders on these days may assist with calling turkey but they shall not carry or discharge weapons. Youth and apprentice turkey hunters are limited on this weekend to one turkey per hunter.

**Rationale:**

General and other fall turkey seasons are proposed to begin one week earlier. To maintain a featured weekend that does not overlap with the fall seasons for all turkey hunters, staff proposes that the fall youth and apprentice season weekend start one week earlier.